



8th June 2021

I wish all the 2021 Leaving Certificate students, those who are going through the Predicted Grades System or sitting the written examination every good wish and God's blessings.

This year's Leaving Certificate students have been challenged in their preparation for the Leaving Certificate by the Covid pandemic during the school years 2019 - 2020, 2020 - 2021. I want to thank the Principals, Boards of Management, Teachers, Staff, School Chaplains, Pastoral Care Teams for the dedicated care of our Post Primary Students especially this year's Leaving Certificate Students.

I am grateful to Minister Foley and the officials of the Department of Education and Skills for the work and support they have given to this year's Leaving Certificate group. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct the Leaving Certificate students now and in all the decisions they will make about their future.

I pray that Our Lady will protect you all and that St. Joseph, her husband, in this year dedicated to St. Joseph, will watch over you as he protected his foster son, Jesus.

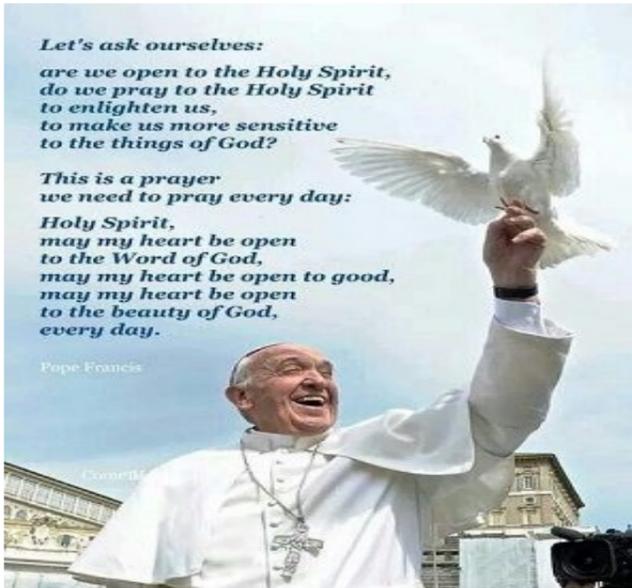
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Archbishop of Dublin

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

To book a mass or purchase a mass card please call Árus Lorcáin on (0402)31716 or email office@arklowparish.ie or secretary@arklowparish.ie alternatively call into the office, we are open Monday to Friday.



Let's ask ourselves:
*are we open to the Holy Spirit,
do we pray to the Holy Spirit
to enlighten us,
to make us more sensitive
to the things of God?*

This is a prayer
we need to pray every day:
*Holy Spirit,
may my heart be open
to the Word of God,
may my heart be open to good,
may my heart be open
to the beauty of God,
every day.*

Pope Francis



*Scripture & Spirituality
Summer School 2021*

UNDERSTANDING ST JOHN OF THE CROSS
5th - 9th July 2021 | 15:30 (UK Time)
Presented by: Fr Iain Matthew, OCD

CARMELITE SUMMER SCHOOL

St John of the Cross is one of the greatest Christian mystics and a Doctor of the Church. His writings have proved invaluable for spiritual guidance but understanding them can present a challenge. This summer school aims to help participants read his writings as he intended. The Summer school will take place from **5th July – 9th July, 15:30-19:00**. Presented by: Fr. Iain Matthew, OCD, Professor of Theology and Spirituality at the Pontifical Spirituality Institute, Teresianum, Rome and best-selling author of the spiritual classic *The Impact of God* (Hodder & Stoughton, 1995)

To Register visit <https://www.oxcacs.org/product/summer-school-2021/>

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday	12th June
6.30 p.m.	Bill Stone (Anniv) Sue Byrne (Anniv)
Sunday	13th June
8.30 a.m.	
11.30 a.m.	John (Jack) Dempsey (Anniv) Eileen Quirke (Anniv) Mary Crook (1st Anniv)
7 p.m.	
Monday	14th June
10 a.m.	Mary Quirke
Tuesday	15th June
10 a.m.	
Wednesday	16th June
10 a.m.	Elizabeth Hannigan
Thursday & Friday	17th & 18th
10 a.m.	

A Prayer for Students taking Exams

God love them and sustain them:
Renew and support them with your strength;
Pour out your spirit of wisdom on them,
Help them to remain calm and attend carefully to the questions asked; Help them to think clearly, to remember accurately and to express themselves well.
May they reflect the best of the work they have done and the best of the teaching they have received.
May your love be upon them O Lord as they place all their trust in you. May the power of your love enable them to accomplish what is right and good.
Amen

Family Offering

A gentle reminder that the new Family Offering Boxes are ready for collection and distribution. The boxes can be collected from the Parish Office in Árus Lorcáin. Your contributions in these weekly envelopes are the main source of income to both maintain and run the Parish. Contact Treasa at the Parish Office to collect your family offering boxes.



Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.



40th Anniversary of the Medjugorje Apparitions
"If you knew how much I love you, you would cry of joy."
Queen of Peace

Friday, 25th June
Sts. Mary & Peter Church, Arklow
Rosary 6.30 p.m. Holy Mass 7.00 p.m.

Celebrant: Fr. David Brough
To register please contact Mary

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